



Dedicated to Serving Multicultural Families and Children in Korea

As the number of foreign residents in Korea increases rapidly and the nation transforms into a multicultural society, the importance of social integration, in which people from all kinds of backgrounds such as race, religion, language, and culture live in harmony, is now recognized more strongly than ever.

To assist multicultural families, Pearl S. Buck Foundation Korea (PSBFK) implemented several programs and projects over the course of the past year. One such project was “Finding Hidden Planet,” helping multicultural adolescents overcome vulnerable economic and social conditions, increasing their self-esteem, recognizing their uniqueness as a strength, and discovering potential capabilities. This was achieved through relationship building, learning activities, bicultural exploration during a visit to Vietnam, and youth mentor training. This program was an extension of PSBFK’s successful “Motherland Tour” program which has operated since 2008.

PSBFK’s most successful project was its multicultural family communication improvement project, which aimed to strengthen the parenting capacity of married immigrant women to create a healthy family environment. This program included in-depth group counseling as well as individual counseling geared toward self-understanding and self-care of married immigrant women facing stressful relationships with their spouses and children due to cultural differences and limitations in language communication.



Though the school-age population keeps declining nationwide, the number of children from multicultural families continues to rise, and the composition of student populations is diversifying.

Therefore, PSBFK has focused on supporting the children and youth from multicultural families with the aim to establish a way to support them in a more comprehensive way.

PSBFK plans to take the lead in social interest and active support for ‘healthy growth and independence’ for multicultural youth. Therefore, it will be very important to further expand and develop programs and projects that serve them. First, scholarship support aims to help multicultural youth grow up as future talents of a society by supporting activities such as scholarships and career development. In particular, the ‘Future Talent Scholarship’ is to discover and support students with outstanding academic performance and special talents.

Furthermore, a wide range of psycho-social support is being provided to help multicultural youth establish a healthy bicultural identity. Ultimately, PSBFK will seek more intensive and systematic ways to support the rapidly increasing number of multicultural youth, allowing PSBFK to re-evaluate its capabilities, encourage multicultural youth and families, and thereby contribute to social integration.



Special Exhibition, *Pearl and Petals*, Coming This Summer

Pearl S. Buck International is pleased to announce a new special exhibition, **Pearl and Petals**, at the Pearl S. Buck House National Historic Landmark Museum this summer.

Pearl and Petals will feature a wide range of floral displays by local designers and florists throughout the rooms of our historic house museum and inspired by the life and legacy of Nobel and Pulitzer Prize-winning writer, humanitarian, and activist Pearl S. Buck. It will run from May 13-August 31.

In addition to this fun summer twist on our regular museum house tours, **Pearl and Petals** will feature special curator-led tours on limited dates. Join our curator for special insights into the Pearl and Petals exhibition. This tour will also include an outdoor portion to visit our greenhouses and other parts of our grounds and gardens (weather



permitting). These enhanced tours will be offered June 12, July 10 and August 14 at 3 pm.

To round out this special exhibition, the Pearl S. Buck House Museum has once again teamed up with wedding floral designer and landscape artist Mark Bryan Designs to offer a combination summer floral design class and house tour on June 7 from 1-4 pm. Join us for what is sure to be an afternoon of fun.

The class will be followed by a tour of the **Pearl and Petals** exhibition.

Tickets are on sale now for the **Pearl and Petals** special exhibition, curator-led tours, and floral design class.

Pearl and Petal tickets are available at <https://pearlsbuckinternational.ticketspice.com/life-and-legacy>.

Tickets for our enhanced curator-led tours during this special exhibition are available at <https://pearlsbuckinternational.ticketspice.com/pearl-and-petals-curator-tours>.

Tickets for the summer floral design class with Mark Bryan Designs are available at <https://pearlsbuckinternational.ticketspice.com/pearl-and-petals-class-and-tour>.

